



## CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

June 25, 2018

Gene Powell  
Chairman  
Alamo Management Committee  
321 Alamo Plaza  
San Antonio, TX 78205

Dear Gene,

In preparation for tomorrow's Management Committee meeting I am sending this letter with information about our design process.

The public comment period on the first draft of the Alamo site plan has concluded. Over the past three weeks, the Interpretive Design Team, members of the Management Committee and staff have attended at least 33 stakeholder and public meetings with a combined attendance of approximately 900 individuals. Attached for your reference is a list of all the meetings along with a summary of the briefings for the weeks of June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Roberto Trevino and I attended all four public meetings on June 18-21 along with several members of City Council and the Citizens Advisory Committee. A vocal group of about 20-40 organized by *This is Texas Freedom Force* attended all four meetings and the Battle of Flowers Association had a large presence at the fourth meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> with over 200 members in attendance.

At each of the public meetings, the Deberry Group collected public input electronically via text or online and also collected input through comment cards. On Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> the comments and questions will be placed on the website at [www.theAlamo.org](http://www.theAlamo.org) along with answers to the questions raised at each meeting. The City, GLO, and Endowment staff are working together on addressing the questions.

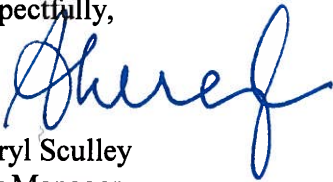
Councilmember Trevino and I have also met with several stakeholders on the proposed site plan and had an opportunity to attend individual briefings with stakeholders, City Councilmembers, and the Mayor. As the design team proceeds to the second draft of the site plan, Councilman Trevino and I would like the Management Committee to consider four requests:

1. Several individuals have suggested that the museum be located in the 1936 Garden and not in the historic buildings on Alamo Plaza. The City is requesting a site plan or rendering that shows this as an option and that our consultants identify any challenges this location may present. I believe a previous museum site plan may have been prepared.

2. The current site plan proposes that the museum be located at Alamo Plaza and proposes four options for the treatment of the three historic buildings. The May 17, 2018 City Council action specifically approved the repurposing of the Crockett, Woolworth and Palace buildings into a world-class visitor center and museum. The demolition of the historic structures was not included in the City Council adopted master plan. The City is requesting that the second draft of the site plan provide options as to how these buildings and/or their facades can be repurposed and interpreted for the museum. Additionally, if the museum is to be located in these buildings, the City is requesting that they incorporate restaurant retail on the first floor of the museum and that the space be open to the public during and after museum hours.
3. The current site plan proposes that sections of Alamo Street and Houston Street be closed to vehicular traffic. The traffic study prepared by Pape Dawson supports the closures and recommends that Losoya Street be converted to a two way street with two south bound lanes and one north bound lane. Additionally, the 2017 Bond Program provided funding for improvements to South Alamo from Market to Cesar Chavez. The next public meeting must include a presentation of the traffic plan to include its assumptions and recommendations.
4. Finally, access to the Alamo Plaza remains the primary concern for the City and many of our stakeholders. We recommend that the design team provide options for 24/7 access to Alamo Plaza without fences, gates, and railings. Doug McDonald will need to provide guidance on strategies for management of the site during scheduled museum activities and re-enactments. While the City Council adopted Master Plan includes closing the Plaza to vehicular access, we are looking for multiple access points to the plaza for pedestrians. The City of San Antonio is requesting that the interpretive design team provide options that include multiple access points and options that do not include physical railings or gates around the Plaza.

Gene, thank you for your leadership on the project. I look forward to our Management Committee meeting tomorrow.

Respectfully,



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City Manager

c.c. Councilmember Roberto Trevino, City of San Antonio  
Ramona Bass, Alamo Endowment  
Hector Valle, General Land Office  
Bryan Preston, General Land Office

Attachments:

Attachment I - Alamo Interpretive Plan Outreach Schedule for June 4<sup>th</sup> – 21st  
Attachment II - Summary of Alamo Site Strategies Briefing Meetings